DRAGON'S MOUTH Arethusa bulbosa

Located in sphagnous bogs and peaty meadows throughout the Division. Also known as Swamp-Pink or Wild-Pink.

Low herbs (12.5 to 25 cm high), arising from small bulbs; stalk smooth, with 1 to 3 loose sheathes terminating in a single flower; leafless till after the flower has bloomed. The single leaf is grass-like and many-nerved; 10 to 15 cm long. The solitary flower is 2.5 to 5 cm high, usually magenta-pink, the lower lip purple-spotted and crested with yellow hairs, arising from between a pair of small unequal scales; blooming late May to August. A single, erect seed capsule forms after the flower withers; 2.5 to 4 cm long.



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